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AMC welcomes new CSM, bids farewell to Walker

Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel K. Elder took reins as the Army Materiel Command's senior sergeant from retiring Command Sgt. Maj. Tyler Walker II, during a change of responsibility ceremony July 22 in front of AMC headquarters.

Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, commander of AMC, presided over the ceremony, as five hundred people gathered to watch one Soldier retire and the other continue the path.

"The Change of Responsibility Ceremony, signified by the passing of colors is one of celebration," Griffin said. "We celebrate the accomplishments and leadership of CSM Walker and welcome CSM Elder onto our AMC team."

As the guidon was passed from one command sergeant major to the other, it symbolized the ending of one career and the beginning of another Soldier's journey.

As the 389th Army Band (AMC's own) played the song 'Old Soldiers never die', tears filled some spectators' eyes, as they bid farewell to Walker.

Griffin then welcomed Elder, previously the command sergeant major of 13th Corps Support Command at Fort Hood, Texas. Griffin stated that Elder is no stranger to AMC, as he was the sergeant major at Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., from 1998 to 1999. Elder is also no stranger to the Soldier in the field, as he just returned from a tour in Iraq.

"To the workforce of the Army Materiel Command ... I look forward to my return back to this great command and to assume this important position with great pride and admiration," said Elder. He then said, "The key for the noncommissioned officer is to watch over the Soldier, allow them to use new technologies ... and let them stand ready to accept new challenges."

New logistics chief of multinational forces tours up-armor ops

Brig. Gen. Kathleen M. Gainey, the new chief logistics officer for the Multinational Forces, Iraq, recently toured a forward repair facility in Kuwait operated by the Army Field Support Brigade-Southwest Asia, to see the progress in operations to up-armor and repair Army tactical vehicles.

Brig. Gen. Kevin Leonard, commander, Army Materiel Command-Southwest Asia conducted the tour, as Gainey saw the process at one of several FRA facilities operating in Kuwait, Afghanistan and Qatar and visited Soldiers of the 7th Transportation Group, assigned as convoy truck drivers, taking vehicles and supplies into and out of Iraq.

The up-armor kits were manufactured and sent to theater to counter the improvised explosive devices, small arms fire and other munitions used against U.S. forces in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Different armor sets are designed and shipped to Southwest Asia for a variety of tactical vehicles ranging from bolted-on steel plating to complete replacement of vehicle cabs with a new encapsulated armored cab. Ballistic windshields and air conditioners are also added to the vehicles. The vehicles are tested and engines and transmissions are repaired and/or replaced as required.

More than 32,000 vehicles have been up-armored and repaired since the start of the program in June 2004, returning more than \$30 million of serviceable major components to the Army's supply system.

The Army Materiel Command has responsibility for all of the Army's pre-positioned equipment inventory and repair and has led the effort to install the approved armor upgrades.

Did you know ...

TACOM Life Cycle Management Command's commander, Maj. Gen. William M. Lenaers, recently passed the Red River Army Depot colors to Col. Douglas J. Evans, in a change of command ceremony making Evans the new commander.